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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
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Instructional Leaders

FROM: Mary Hipp
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DATE: October 2, 2017

RE: Read to Succeed Requirements and Timelines for Certified Educators

With the implementation of the Read to Succeed Act (R2S), professional learning requirements for certified, in-service educators became effective July 1, 2015. In order to clarify these requirements for educators, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) has developed a series of decision rules that program offices within the agency will use to advise educators and their employing public schools and school districts.

Specifically, these R2S Decision Rules provide guidance regarding the following topics:

- R2S requirements and timelines by certification area(s).
- Educators not meeting deadlines for fulfilling R2S requirements.
- Certified educators employed in public school settings.
- Certified educators not employed in public school settings.
- Educators with multiple certification fields.
- National Board certified teachers.

A copy of the guidance document with the R2S Decision Rules accompanies this memorandum. The information is also available on the following SCDE webpages:

- Educator Certification: [Read to Succeed Requirements for Educators](#)
- Read to Succeed: [Educator Endorsements](#)

We hope that these decision rules will provide needed clarification regarding the R2S requirements for certified educators.